



October 13, 2017

It's 12:30 at the El Camino Country Club. Now it's 12:31, 12:32. Time is ticking away while PRES CHUCK WARD fiddles in the back of the room... Then, finally, at 12:33 - THE BELL! Rung with CHUCK's Official Gavel, no less! CHUCK went on to say that he would be our president for this meeting, and in the future! (How long in the future remained unsaid...)

JANET BLEDSOE LACY then led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



PP BILL DERN then asked if anyone in the room knew why today was a special day: other than it being Friday the 13th, it's also the birthday of the U.S. Navy, which was established on this day in 1775! So in honor of BILL's time in the Navy, we sang the official U. S. Navy song, "Anchors Aweigh" (whose tune should have been familiar to every Oceanside Rotarian). We then followed up with BILL's favorite song, "God Bless America".



LYN CORDER then told us about her "Rotary Moment": LYN joined Rotary in 1992, when an exchange group came to their club from Israel and Palestine. The next year her husband was offered a temporary professorship in Jerusalem, and while LYN could not move over there with him for the entire time, she visited for a few weeks. While there she attended a Rotary club meeting in Israel at a club which turned out to have no women members. They made her show her Rotary pin to verify that she was, indeed, a bona fide Rotarian! As if to cement her status, in the raffle at the meeting she won a bottle of wine from the Golan Heights! While there LYN also visited

one of the young professionals who had come to U. S. in their exchange group the year before at his Rotary club, and it turned out that she was there on the day that club inducted its first woman member! (*Editor's note: while we were in London about the same year, PP TERRI went to a Rotary meeting without me, since I was working. They also had no women members, and while they welcomed her to the meeting, as she was leaving they said, "Next time, bring your husband."*)

CLUB UPDATES



Until we have a President Elect, our Club Updates continue to be presented by PRES CHUCK. CHUCK pointed out that our club goes back to 1920, and if we want to continue as a club we need to keep growing our membership and also growing our leadership. Service clubs are important, and the only way we will continue as a club is to have newer members step up to leadership positions. So we need one (or more!) of our club members to volunteer to be our club President next year, and to prepare for that role by serving as this year's President Elect.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider taking on this important and very rewarding position in our club! It's an opportunity to not only guide our positive impact on the local community, but worldwide as well - In fact, today's speaker topic touched on that very subject, so read on!

That was a big lead up to CHUCK announcing that there were no announcements today.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



LARRY HATTER introduced PP GRAHAM FRASER, "Engineer Extraordinaire". GRAHAM said his wife told him this morning that he "should go to Rotary today." So he did!



DALE MAAS introduced BRIAN LONG, a friend and neighbor of DIEGO DOBSON. It came out that BRIAN taught 100 kids in the Crown Heights area to swim! He organizes an ocean swim as part of the Oceanside Chamber Festival – this is the third year. He is recruiting kids from Crown Heights to go through lifeguard training so they can have a summer job. Sounds like a potential Rotarian to me!



ERNIE MASCITTI introduced RUDY VAN HUNNICK.



FRANK COXON introduced his son TOM COXON, who was in the San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Rotary club.



MIKE CURTIN introduced PDG JIM O'MEARA, who was our speaker.

PP BILL then led us all in the Welcome Song, sung to the familiar tune that we had just sung not 5 minutes earlier...



PRESIDENT'S STUFF

PRES CHUCK then broke in to point out that A.J. MAZZARELLA's dog, "Mr. Snugglepants" came to the Rotary evening event last Friday night at Stone Brewery. CHUCK said that everyone else in attendance contributed toward the cost of the event, but he wondered, "Did Mr. Snugglepants pay his fair share?" There should have been a \$5 entry fee! Spreading cuteness and love apparently wasn't enough! So A.J. coughed up the \$5 fine.



CHUCK then called on PP JAY CRAWFORD, saying to him, “While you were drinking beer and socializing at Stone, ANCHISA and RON MARBEN, ANITA ROMAINE and I picked up 6 boys from Lincoln Middle School on Friday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. and drove to Mira Costa College for a 2:00 P.M. tour of the campus with Student Ambassadors Samantha Mendoza and Alan Hernandez.” The kids were Jose Garcia (7th), Ivan Chavira (6th), Christopher Silva (7th), Jonathan Bolanos (6th), Ulises Bolanos Reyes (7th), and Julian Barajas Rodriguez (6th).



“Then, at 3:00 P.M., we met the Spartan Soccer Coach, Frank Zimmerman, and the Spartan Team on the field. Four members of the Spartan Team live in Crown Heights and knew the kids. Frank Zimmerman and each member of the team shook hands with each of the kids and introduced themselves, and they got to visit before the game started at 4 P.M. It was really hot, and we sat on the bleachers facing the sun, but luckily we had four small umbrellas and one large one the team loaned us, so we were good to go.”





“At 5:00 P.M. we left to go have dinner at The Pit Stop (Kids’ Choice). They chowed down on cheeseburgers, hot dogs, fries, sodas and shakes, and topped it off with ice cream cones. We had a great time with all of them, and they were perfect gentlemen, and a pleasure to be with. They seemed to enjoy the whole day, and we dropped them off in Crown Heights at 6:30 P.M. I think their interest was sparked in going to college and some of them thought they would like to try out for the soccer team.”

CHUCK then called on ANCHISA to describe the Camp Pendleton event on Saturday. ANCHISA, RON, and DAVE NYDEGGER picked up 38 kids in a school bus and took them to Camp Pendleton, where the kids tried on Marine gear, and practiced shooting on the Marine Corps simulator. For lunch they had Meals Ready to Eat (MRE’s), which apparently were not the hit of the day... After lunch the kids were given a certificate and a dog tag with their name engraved. They then went to the Landing craft base and were able to board a landing craft air cushion (LCAC). The kids got to see and sit in the cockpit and took photos together. And then it was back to the bus for the trip back to school. What a remarkable and memorable event for these students!





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



We had one October birthday (in attendance): MELISSA RODRIGUEZ. CHUCK said he had a present for her, but she had to choose between three unmarked envelopes. In one was dinner for two at Club 333, another was for an appetizer at Fratelli's, and the third was just coffee for two. The envelope which MELISSA chose ended up being the one with a coupon for Starbucks... But in spite of that choice, she was \$48 happy that October is her birthday month. At which point CHUCK announced that the club would double her donation! For the rest of October, the club will match any happy dollars and contribute the total amount to Polio Plus (up to \$500). October is Polio Awareness Month.

FINES AND HAPPY DOLLARS:



PP and Madame Secretary RENEE WENDEE was \$28 happy for her 28 years in Rotary – the \$28 going to Polio Plus.



ERNIE MASCITTI was \$20 happy to be back – he missed a couple of meetings while he was back east and in Canada.



LYN CORDER was \$5 happy that she is going to have another grandchild!



BOB PICKREL was \$20 “sad” – 10 sad dollars for spilling his tea all over the table, and another 10 sad dollars for not making it to the party Friday evening.



PP BILL DERN was \$10 happy that next Friday his youngest son is getting married, and also to report that he spent last Friday volunteering his dentistry skills. The California Dental Association group of volunteers saw over 2000 patients that weekend! (*You can read more about this event and see photos in our “Rotarians Out and About” section at the end of this newsletter.*)



PP JAY CRAWFORD was \$5 happy that, while his daughter and son-in-law were evacuated in Anaheim Hills due to the fires, their house is OK.



PP VICKIE PROSSER is \$20 happy because she's "Dying to meet Mr. Snugglepants"!



A.J. MAZZARELLA was \$20 happy (sad?) - \$5 for the Mr. Snugglepants fine, but also \$15 since the Indians didn't make it to the World Series.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 happy/surprised – \$19 for being between the Navy to the south and the USMC to the north– and \$1 that his wife just called and she's locked out of the house!



PP JIM SCHRODER was \$5 happy that he's headed to Chile and Easter Island. JIM, do you ever stay home?



FRANK COXON and his son TOM were \$15 happy – FRANK is the owner of a special gavel which he received from Sen.

McFarland. In the 1950's when they revamped the White House, gavels were made out of the original oak from the White House, and he has one of them! *(Speaking of gavels, CHUCK seems to still have his – How long do you think that can last?)*



PAM MYERS was \$10 happy that her granddaughter is working on her Girl Scout cooking badge, and Gramma can't help or "she'd only have half a badge"!



ANCHISA MARBEN was \$20 happy that on the Camp Pendleton trip the kids at Lincoln Middle School held her hand and asked if she remembered them.

(For those of you keeping score, in a recap email message, President CHUCK reported to Shorelines: "We doubled the dollar amount collected to ultimately be donated to Polio Plus in the amount of \$498.00. Next week we will do the same with hopefully the same results. Our goal is to ultimately send \$1,000.00 Happy Dollars to Polio Plus.")

PROGRAM

PDG JIM O'MEARA – South Africa Rotary Global Grant



Our speaker was PDG JIM O'MEARA, who served as Carlsbad club president in 1999-2000. JIM was District 5340 Rotarian of the Year in 2001-2002, he received the Four Avenues of Service Citation from Rotary International in 2004, and he was District Governor in 2007-08 and has attended 15 International Conventions. JIM is a Major Donor to TRF, a Member of the Bequest Society and the Paul Harris Society.

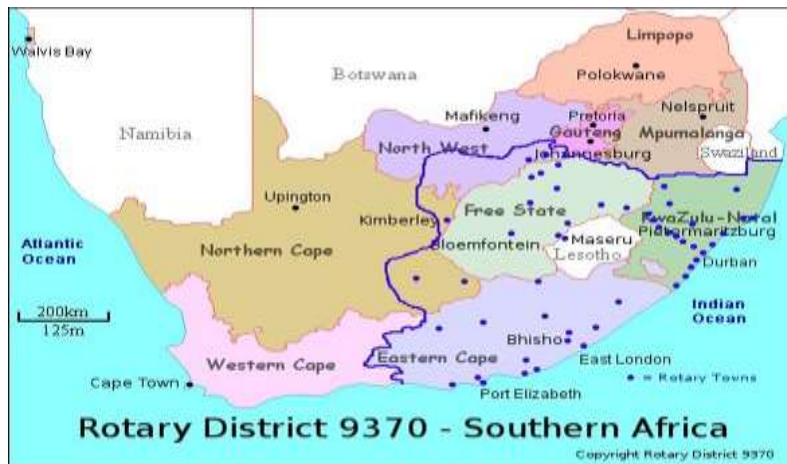
During 2003-2004 JIM served on a District team that raised funds for 2000 wheelchairs, then presented the wheelchairs to disabled men and women in Malawi, Africa. JIM has served as a Rotary Volunteer in Africa on five trips. JIM now serves on the Past Officers of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Reunion Committee, and he chaired the Committee through January 2015. JIM also created the Orphans Relief Project and Fund that we heard about today.



On one of his early trips in 2005 to South Africa, JIM met with NICK PHILIPS, Past District Governor of District 9270, along with 17 other Rotarians. NICK invited them to come over and talk about their problem with orphans due to AIDS. At that time there were more than 300,000 AIDS orphans in South Africa alone. He wanted to talk to them about what sort of project would help with that problem. On that first trip they visited each club within the District to see what projects they were already working on to assist the children.

JIM returned home and set two goals: One – Create Awareness, and Two – Encourage Global Grants, with an emphasis on Partnering with Grants-- All the

while keeping our focus on: Water and Sanitation, Health and Disease Prevention and Treatment, Hunger and Agricultural, as well as Literacy and Education.



It turned out that the problem became even bigger, because that Rotary District was expanded when an adjacent district did not maintain their membership (since 11 years ago when Jim first went over). Now District 9370 encompasses an enormous geographical area within South Africa, meaning that there are even more AIDS orphans in need there.



Oceanside Rotary contributed to a global grant project to build and establish a school for orphans, and the Amohelang Day Care Center. This was the global grant we participated in the year PP JAY CRAWFORD was president, and that was finally completed this year. It was a great example of partnerships for global grants: the local South African club contributed \$1,000 to the project, Carlsbad Rotary contributed \$3,000, District 5340 \$2500, Ketchner Ontario Rotary Club \$6000, and Oceanside Rotary contributed \$2,000 (which became \$4,000 because of the District matching grant) – the total grant was over \$60,000. In addition to the school and day care center, the grant included sewing machines for local women to make school uniforms – since they got to keep the machines, these women now have their own businesses to continue after the grant was completed. Rotary is changing their country via education for their children.



Since PP JAY was President at the time the grant was approved, JIM presented JAY with a thumb-drive of photos of the Global Grant, and a certificate of completion of the grant from Rotary International.

On a recent trip to South Africa in June 2017, JIM and several other Rotarians repeated the process of visiting clubs and their projects. JIM pointed out that the secret to a successful global grant is to go over and to encourage local clubs in that area to submit grant proposals.



PRES CHUCK thanked JIM for the great program, and said that we have a gift for him, but we didn't have it at the meeting today! CHUCK said, "We'll bring it to you, trust us!" *Sooo, CHUCK has his gavel, but what did he do with the gift for our speaker???*

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

A.J. MAZZARELLA had the winning ticket, but (much to the evident relief of PRES CHUCK), he drew the 7 of clubs, rather than the Joker. CHUCK presented AJ with the \$10 consolation prize, saying "Take yourself out to lunch".



We finally adjourned, only 5 minutes late, at 1:35 p.m.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

News flash handed to your intrepid reporter by Madame Secretary RENEE - At the board meeting prior to our club meeting, the board approved GORDY SPARKS for membership in the club! You will recall that GORDY is with the Oceanside Unified School District. He was proposed as a member by LARRY HATTER. Way to go, LARRY! So if you have any questions or concerns about this membership proposal, now is the time to bring them up to Pres CHUCK and/or any Board member.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



First, as promised, we start out with some photos from the recent California Dental Association's "CDA Cares" event earlier this month in Bakersfield. Our own Dr. BILL DERN volunteered his services along with his Registered Dental Assistant ROSA and his wife and office manager KATHY. They worked in the Prosthodontics section, making and relining dentures and replacing missing teeth using other techniques.



They took pictures of their first patient on Friday at 5:45 am, as well as their last patient on Saturday afternoon. They kept incredibly busy throughout the event. This was attested to by KATHY's fitness tracker which logged 24,000+ steps on Friday along (which translates to more than 9 miles!)



As we said before, all told, all of the CDA volunteers treated around 2,000 patients in the two days. What a remarkable volunteer effort! And BILL and his team plan to be back serving at the next CDA Cares event, which will be held in Anaheim in April of 2018.



Our last “Out and About” photos show VICKIE PROSSER and her friends MAUREEN HARTIN, CAROLYN RAMBERG and NANCY MILLER meeting up with fellow Rotarian and occasional actor TOM BRAULT after his October 7th performance in the musical “Billy Elliot” at the San Diego Musical Theatre’s production at the Spreckels Theatre. VICKIE reports that both the show and TOM’s performance in it (as boxing coach, miner, Santa Claus and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher – Don’t believe me? ... Look at this picture from the production) were “outstanding!”



TOM then almost left straight from the show’s closing performance to a timeshare week in Lake Tahoe with his wife LINDA, staying at the Olympic Valley Inn at Squaw Valley for the past week. It was a glorious time to enjoy the fall colors at one of their favorite places! Here they are pictured at the Emerald Bay overlook.

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

October 20 – SCOTT MCDONALD (Del Mar Rotary), McDonald Foundation

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

October 27 – KIM GIBBENS, San Diego Center for the Blind

Reporter: BILL DERN

November 3 – LINDA, Oceanside Fire Department

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

November 10 – Oceanside Humane Society

Reporter: PAM MYERS

November 17 – STAN KATZ, Author (“The Emperor and the Spy”)

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

November 24 – DARK for Thanksgiving

December 1 – Away Meeting at STAR THEATRE for Youth Performance

Pizza, Salad and Cookie lunch for \$20 – *Guests Welcome!*

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

December 8 – SEASIDE SINGERS, Holiday concert

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

December 15 – Away Meeting at Mottino Family YMCA

Four Way Test essay contest and tour of facility

Reporter: DAVE SHORE

December 15 from 6 to 8:30 pm – Oceanside Rotary Club Christmas Party

DAVE and TERRI HALL’s home (4285 Sunnyhill Drive, Carlsbad)

BYOB and Bring main dish or heavy hors d’oeuvres to share

Dessert and non alcoholic beverages provided

Children welcome!

December 22 & 29 – DARK for Christmas and New Year